16th July 1953]

APPENDIX XI.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 572 asked by Sri K. Rajagopala Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 16th July 1953, page 271–272 supra.]

Petition from Sri V. Narasiah, Vanapamula village, Gudivada taluk, Krishna district, to the Minister for Local Administration, dated the 28th March 1953.

[Representation made on behalf of a section of the voters of the village of Vanapamula, Gudivada taluk, Krishna district.]

Our village is a minor panchayat. A final list of the voters on the electoral roll was published in the village and in the office of the Electoral Registration Officer without including a large number of voters included in the supplemental list supplied by the Taluk office. When we drew the attention of the Panchayat Officer to this, he replied that it was an omission by mistake and that he is helpless in the matter as the date was already fixed for elections to be held on the 30th March 1953 and that he has no power to stop the election or alter the date or include this list and allow the voters concerned thereby to vote at the said election.

I am one of the voters covered by the supplemental list and I am authorized by the other voters to make this representation on their behalf also. A copy of the final list published in the village and in the office of the Electoral Registration Officer on the basis of which elections are going to be held on the 30th March 1953 and supplemental list not included in it and not published in the village and in the office of the Electoral Registration Officer are herewith filed for perusal.

Under the circumstances set out above, it is prayed that the Government may be pleased to issue telegraphic instruction to the Deputy Panchayat Officer, Kaikalur, Krishna district, and the Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Northern Range, Vijayavada, not to proceed with the election of minor panchayat of the village of Vanapamula, Gudivada taluk, Krishna district, fixed for the 30th March 1953, without including the voters covered by the supplemental list of voters in the list to be allowed for the said election and without allowing the voters covered by the supplemental list to vote at the said elections.

Otherwise, the petitioner along with the voters in the supplemental list will be deprived of their legitimate franchise and thereby will be put to irreparable loss. Hence urgent orders are necessary.